



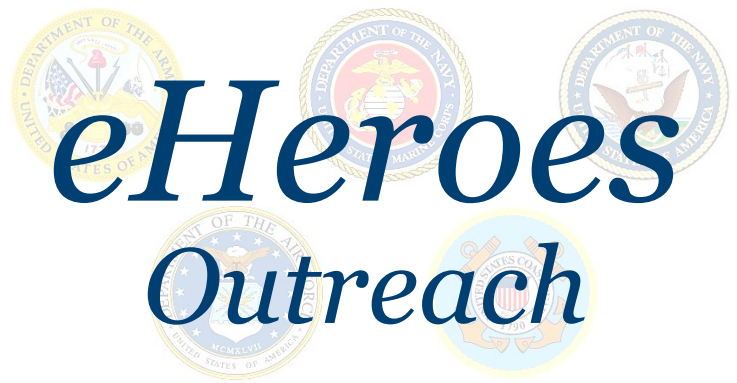
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About us

Since 1944, the Martinsburg VA Medical Center has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. We consider it our privilege to serve your health care needs in any way we can. Services are available to more than 126,000 Veterans living in 22 counties in Western Maryland, West Virginia, South Central Pennsylvania and Northwest Virginia.

May 2014



Meet Your Team

Robert Rinker, RN, MSN, MBA-HCM Nurse Manager



Meet Robert Rinker, RN, MSN, MBA-HCM, a nurse manager of the 4A patient unit at the medical center. A Keyser, West Virginia native, Rinker started working for the medical center in April of 2010. He serves on the Patient Satisfaction Committee, Safe Patient Handling Committee and the Nurse Leadership Council. He also holds two master's degrees in Nursing and Business Administration.

Rinker enjoys spending time with his family and outdoor activities such as fishing, golfing and barbecue. "I enjoy helping people," said Rinker. "I strive to work with the staff on 4A to provide the best and highest quality care to our Veterans." He also enjoys speaking with the Veterans and their families to hear their stories, "The stories you hear every day are amazing and provide insight on what our troops went through fighting for freedom all over the world."

William Molitor, Materials Handler

Meet William Molitor, a material handler for the Acquisitions and Materials Management service at the medical center. A Philadelphia, Pennsylvania native, Molitor served in the United States Marine Corps for six years as an infantryman. He began working at the medical center in July of 2012, and serves on the Marketing Outreach Committee. Molitor is also a graduate of the



VA Expanding Careers and Healthcare Opportunities program and the VA Acquisition Academy Inventory Management Course. In addition to his duties at the medical center, Molitor has founded two non-profit organizations that support youth and Veterans. "I came to the VA hoping to put my skills of networking and assisting Veterans to use," said Molitor. "I enjoyed serving my country as a Marine and I am glad I can still serve and help other Veterans through working at the VA and through my organizations."

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Veteran reaches family through VA technology



Army Veteran Elizabeth Elzey is a resident in the palliative care unit at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC), and has been using VA Telehealth Services to video chat with her sons in Arizona. After speaking with her doctor about her prognosis, Elzey was determined to find a way to reach out to her sons. She spoke with volunteers and social workers who put her in contact with

Gabrielle Vaughn, telehealth coordinator at the Martinsburg VAMC. "When I heard about Ms. Elzey's request, I knew I had to do my part to help," said Vaughn. "Telehealth is a great technology that brings providers and Veterans closer together, and in this case we were able to help bring a family together which is very special." With help from her telehealth technicians, Vaughn was able to contact the Flagstaff, Arizona Community Based Outpatient Clinic, which was the closest location to Elzey's sons. The family was able to video chat a couple times during the past few weeks. To read more, click [here](#).

Martinsburg VAMC nurse receives leadership award

Congratulations to Janice Byrd, Nurse Manager in the Community Living Center/Palliative Unit at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC). She is the recipient of the Marsha Goodwin-Beck Award for Excellence in Geriatric Leadership. This award is given to an individual health care provider in a leadership position who has demonstrated excellence through exceptional support for direct patient care providers, for geriatric education and training, and geriatric health policy leadership, including support of innovations enhancing the quality of direct geriatric patient care delivery, education and training. The award was presented during the Martinsburg VAMC Nursing Excellence Ceremony on May 7. Byrd has a total 41 years of nursing experience, 12 of which include experience in supervision and management. Her compassion and caring extend beyond serving our Veterans. Byrd is active in community service activities in Hagerstown, Maryland. To read more, click [here](#).



VISN 5 regional Mini-Games



Spirits were high as the Martinsburg VA Medical Center hosted the first Veterans Integrated Service Network 5 Mini-Games Saturday, April 12. "This was an outstanding event," said Timothy J. Cooke, associate medical center director. "Our great Veterans, staff and volunteers pulled together to help our local athletes as they prepare to compete in this year's National Veterans Golden Age

Games." Veterans from Martinsburg; Perry Point and Baltimore, Maryland; and Washington, D.C., competed in a series of athletic events, including bowling, ping pong, shuffleboard, shot put, discus and javelin. "The Veteran athletes who participated today continue to inspire and amaze me," said Darren Yowell, VA 2013 Golden Age Games Coach of the Year. "As a CAT-5 alumnus, it was really awesome to see younger Veterans who are inpatients in our Domiciliary programs helping our senior Veterans prepare for this year's Golden Age Games." The National Veterans Golden Age Games are part of VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs that encourage the importance of physical activity, health and recovery to improve overall quality of life. To read more, click [here](#).



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